

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Haywood County Schools has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: Haywood County Schools

Project Title: 705341 – Football Field Parking Lot & Gravel Drive; PA-04-NC-4617-PW-00211

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Football Field Parking & Drive	60 Penland Ave, Canton, NC 28716	Start: 35.52748 End: 35.52566	Start: -82.84048 End: -82.84071	Approximately 2006

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the replacement of the Haywood County Schools' Football Field Parking Lot & Drive gravel fill. All work is located within a Floodway. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Haywood County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3700865600J, dated 04/03/2012. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the Floodway. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Haywood County Schools will utilize force account labor and contracts for repairs to the Haywood County Football Field Parking Lot & Gravel Drive to restore this facility to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within its existing footprint. Repairs will consist of replacing 259.6 CY of gravel fill. Restoring these facilities promotes open space usage within the community and no adverse impacts to the floodplain should occur from in-kind repairs.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact for Haywood County Schools. If the Parking Lot and Gravel Drive are not restored, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): There is no practicable alternative site outside of the floodplain to relocate the impacted parking lot and gravel drive. Additionally, the Football Field and its associated features promote open space usage within the local community.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer
FEMA Region 4
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4617-NC-00211 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice